

Long Session Is Probable

Rumor at Ottawa That House May Continue Sitting Until August.

Consul Advised That Sea and Land Transportation in Japan Is Safe.

Dominion Trade Returns For Ten Months Shows Great Decrease in Exports.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 12.—The Parliament buildings were deserted today owing to a holiday.

Canada's exports for the last ten months show a decline of over \$8,000,000 compared with the same period of preceding year.

A rumor today says that the session will last into August. There is no sign of the budget yet.

The aggregate trade of Canada for the ten months ending with April was \$374,906,451, compared with \$361,326,388 for the same period last year.

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Hamilton McArthur, Ottawa, has been commissioned by a local committee to execute a statue of Demosthenes, who founded Annapolis Royal in 1804. The statue is to be erected at Annapolis.

JAP LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED.

London, May 12.—Subscriptions to the Japanese loan of \$50,000,000 closed today. It was estimated that the loan was oversubscribed twenty times to the value of a great rush to subscribe and an enormous number of applications were for small amounts.

THE GRAND DUKE CYRIL.

Horrors of Petrovopolis Catastrophe Have Seriously Affected Grand Duke Cyril's whole nervous system.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Grand Duke Cyril's whole nervous system and his heart are somewhat seriously affected as the result of his experiences since the time of the blowing up of the battleship Potemkin at Port Arthur on April 16th, is the official report of the Grand Duke's physician, who says that the Grand Duke needs the most careful attention and that doctors say it will be a difficult and tedious process.

THE EVACUATION OF NEW CHWANG.

When Russians Have Left City Chinese Will Take Charge.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—When the evacuation of New Chwang is completed, in order to protect the foreign inhabitants against looting and pillage, they will be invited probably to send regular troops there. It is explained that the city whose country is being invaded, remains in possession until the enemy appears, but in this case Russia is only administering provisions, China being the real owner.

The information which has been received from the foreign office in London, secretary of Viceroy Alexieff, who has been appointed agent at New Chwang, is that the evacuation of 4000 Chinese has not yet begun.

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A Big Blaze at Nanaimo at an Early Hour This Morning.

Estimated Loss About \$100,000 Partly Covered by Insurance.

A telephone message from the Colonel's correspondent at Nanaimo, received at 2:30 this morning, stated that Haslam's mills at that place, were then a mass of flames and doomed to total destruction.

The fire alarm had rung in but half an hour previously, but within thirty minutes, so rapidly did the flames spread, the entire plant and number yards were one huge, raging bonfire. The spectacle presented, the correspondents stated, was fearfully magnificent.

The surrounding landscape with the ruddy glare far out on the waters of the bay and adjacent islands.

At the time of sending this message the fire had been confined to the mill and yard, and there appeared to be no danger of its spreading.

The loss, it was stated, would probably approximate \$100,000, the establishment being fully equipped with the most modern and expensive machinery. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

Wilmington, May 12.—Judge Gray informed tonight that he had agreed upon for president of the National Civic Federation.

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Preparations Completed for the Shipping of Laborers to Transvaal.

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GENERAL PFLUG MAKES A REPORT.

No Precise Information as to Number of Japanese Landed at Pitsewo.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—The military department has received the following dispatch from Major-General Pflug: May 10th from Fengwangcheng, one of the Hsicheng road and about a division of 1500 cavalry were to advance by the Fengwangcheng road to Samtara.

Up to the present there has been discovered at Kwanleishien—advance headquarters consisting of a battalion of infantry and three squadrons of cavalry on the mountain track.

"According to reports received the Japanese troops, who before May 7th state to stand a siege, the idea being that if it can hold out for a month it will make the relief of Port Arthur easier when General Kuropatkin is ready to assume the offensive. Possibly the New Chwang garrison will be sent to Kiating."

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JAPANESE ADVANCE CONTINUES IN FORCE

General Sakharoff Reports That Guards Division in the Lead.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Lieut-General Sakharoff sent a despatch to the general staff today, communicating a report of "Lieut-General Sassi, dated May 10th as follows: "Troops which appeared to be a division of the Japanese Guards have been advancing for the last two days from Fengwangcheng in the direction of Hsicheng."

"It is reported that a Japanese force consisting of about a division of the infantry intended to march on Samtara via the Fengwangcheng road, and to capture the river at Donamoy in the same locality, and the northern group, which is now in the hands of the Japanese, is being advanced by the river Donamoy to Salida, fourteen or fifteen miles."

"It is difficult to obtain information from the local Chinese. In one case we learned the Japanese troops of a bush which had been arranged by Oosacks."

BLOOTHY SKINS.

A Trouble Due to Impure Blood Easily Remedied.

Bad blood is one of the great causes of pimples and blotchy skins. This is why you must attack the trouble through the blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

It is an every day record of cure like this that has given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills their world-wide reputation. It is a cure when other medicines fail, but you can afford to try them, for the full name of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People on the wrapper around every box.

Send for a free copy of the book, "The Blood is the Life," by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, to Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ROSSLAND, B. C., MAY 12.—In a communication to the Rossland Miner, Hon. H. Mackintosh says that the interest in the steamship line between Vancouver and Seattle is a thirty-relied insinuation that he misrepresents, or failed to account for, revenue from the Great Pacific Steamship line.

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Port Dalny, on Tallienwan bay, on the east coast of the Liaotung peninsula, was intended by Russia to be the chief commercial emporium of its Eastern dominions. An edict providing for its construction was issued by the Russian Emperor, on July 30th, 1899, and Port Dalny, fully equipped with all modern improvements, docks, warehouses and railroad facilities, was opened to commerce in December, 1901.

THE FORTIFICATIONS ABOUT PORT ARTHUR.

Tripple Row of Forts and Ammunition Plentiful.

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THE THIBETANS ATTACK BRITISH

Further Particulars of the Attempt on Enclosure at Jong.

House of Commons Informed That Advance to Lhasa Will Be Made.

Gyangtse, May 9.—Via Klato, May 12.—There was heavy firing on the British position here all day today (Monday) from the enclosure at Jong. It was held by more than a thousand well-armed Tibetans. There were, however, no casualties among the British.

A detachment of British mounted infantry made a daily sally against the native force, who were patrolling the road leading toward Karo Pass, and along which Col. Brander and his men are expected to return to this place.

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DOMINION NEWS NOTES

Fall Wheat Badly Affected By Severe Winter in Ontario.

Presbyterian Synod in Quebec Favors Church Union in Canada.

Fire at Fort William Destroys Elevator—The Mail Robbery Case.

Toronto, Ont., May 12.—Fall wheat is reported in a bad condition due to the immense quantity of snow, and the thawing ice over the crop of the past winter.

Timothy Eaton, head of the T. Eaton Company was badly shaken up by being thrown from his carriage on Koswada for some time.

The Toronto Typefoundry Company have taken over the Linotype Company of Montreal.

The Ontario government has appointed Hon. P. H. Latchford, chairman, Hon. R. Harcourt and Hon. J. G. Macdonald as the railway committee of executive committee.

FARMER SUICIDES.

Port Colborne, May 12.—George Zeavits, 65 years old, a farmer living in Waldreaf township, died himself in a shed near his house. He had been ill for some time.